

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 25 to 64 were pending in the application at the time of examination. Claims 1 and 25 to 64 stand rejected for obviousness type double patenting.

Claims 1 and 25 to 64 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/235,156.

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 and 25 to 64 in view of Application Serial No. 09/235,156. Claim 1 in Application Serial No. 09/235,156 was canceled in a paper submitted on June 1, 2004 to the USPTO. The paper has been entered in the application. Consequently, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 and 25 to 64 in view of Application Serial No. 09/235,156.

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Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 and 25 to 64 in view of Application Serial No. 09/235,159. Enclosed herewith is a TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A PROVISIONAL DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER PENDING SECOND APPLICATION INCLUDING STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(B). Also, enclosed herewith is a check that includes the amount of \$110.00, which is the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). Consequently, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 and 25 to 64 in view of Application Serial No. 09/235,159.

Claims 1 35, 37, 39-41, 43, and 45-49 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1, 18, 22, 24, and 27-29 of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/235,157, now U.S. Patent No. 6,633,984.

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 35, 37, 39-41, 43, and 45-49 in view of Application Serial No. 09/235,157. Enclosed herewith is a TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PRIOR PATENT INCLUDING STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b). Also, enclosed herewith is a check that includes the amount of \$110.00, which is the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). Consequently, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is rendered moot. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 1 35, 37, 39-41, 43, and 45-49 in view of Application Serial No. 09/235,157.

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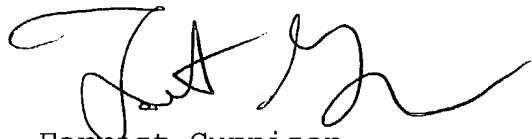
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Claims 1 and 25 to 64 remain in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicant(s) respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

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